

Appln. No. 09/921,856
Response dated April 28, 2006
Reply to Office Action of April 4, 2006
Docket No. BOC9-2000-0082 (217)

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

These remarks are made in anticipation of the Office Action of April 6, 2006 (Office Action). As this response has been timely filed within the 3-month shortened statutory period, no fee is believed due.

The claim amendments presented herein are intended to address the 35 U.S.C. § 101 issues raised in the Office Action and discussed between the Examiner and Applicants' representative by phone on April 28, 2006. Applicants wish to express their sincere thanks to the Examiner for her taking time to discuss these issues, which has lead to the formulation of the claim amendments presented herein.

The claim amendments also address the claim objections set forth at page 2 of the Office Action. Applicants believe that this application is in full condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. The Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any matter within this Amendment, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,

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